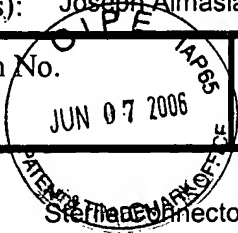


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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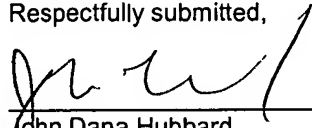
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page of this paper:

☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

☐ **Amendments to the Drawings**

☒ **Remarks/Argument** begin on Page 5 of this paper.

☐ **An Appendix** is attached.